(b) and (c). The maintenance/upkeep of the National Highways is being carried out *inter-alia* based on the requirements of material and labour, width and type of road surface, traffic intensity, physical and climatic conditions etc. within the overall availability of funds. The expenditure incurred for maintenance/repairs of the National Highways during the last three years is given below:

Year	Expenditure for maintenance/repairs
1988-89	Rs. 146.35 crores
1989-90	Rs. 158.96 crores
1990-91	Rs. 169.29 crores

Waiving of Demurrage Charges from Users of Major Ports

279. SHRi ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of demurrage charges from the port users of Major Ports waived during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The total amount of demurrage charges waived by the 11 Major Ports to the port users during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1102.21	4846.67	1714.92

(b) A number of reasons such as strikes in Ports, malfunctioning of equipments in Ports and delay in custom's clearance from the basis for such waivers.

Road safety Measures

280. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Members of the National Road Safety Council;

(b) the details of funds spent on road safety programme in 1990-91 and 1991-92 so far;

(c) the reasons for giving a low priority to safety for transport workers; and

(d) the details of new measures proposed to be taken by the Government for road safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The National Road Safety Council was constituted with official Members on 16th May, 1991. The details of the official Members of the Council are given in the attached Statement-I No decisions on nomination of non-official Members has been taken.

(b) An amount of Rs. 16,92,710/ (final) was spent for furtherance of road safety programmes during 1990-91. An amount of around Rs.3.5 lakhs has so far been spent during the current financial year.

(c) Government have not placed a low value on safety for transport workers.

(d) The measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Govt./State Government are given in the attached Statement-II.

STATEMENT—I

Sl. No.	Particulars	Official/non-official	No.	Brief Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Union Minister for Surface Transport	Chairman	1	Union Minister for Surface Transport
2.	Minister in charge of Road Transport in the States/UTs	Official	32	Every alternate near as per appendix
3.	Director General of Pelice of all States/UTs	Official	32	
4.	Representatives of Central Ministry/Deptt.	Official	9	(i) Ministry of Home Affairs
				(ii) Human Resources Developoment
				(iii) Tourism
				(iv) Railways
				(v) Urban Development
				(vi) Deptt. of Chemicals & Petro-chemicals.
				(vii) Deptt. of Expenditure
				(viii) Deptt. of Industrial Development and
				(ix) Planning Commission

Sl. No.	Particulars	Official/non-official	No.	Brief Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
5.	DG (RD), Ministry of surface Transport	Official	1	Roads Wing
6.	Member Secretary	Official	1	Joint Secretary, (Transport)

Ist Year Member	*2nd Year Member*
1. Andhra Pradesh	1. Assam
2. Bihar	2. Gujarat
3. Haryana	3. Himachal Pradesh
4. Jammu & Kashmir	4. Karnataka
5. Kerala	5. Madhya Pradesh
6. Maharashtra	6. Manipur
7. Tamil Nadu	7. Nagaland
8. Uttar Pradesh	8. Punjab
9. Rajasthan	9. West Bengal
10. Orissa	10. Tripura
11. Meghalaya	11. Sikkim
12. A & N Islands	12. Mizoram
13. Chandigarh Admn.	13. Goa
14. Delhi Admn.	14. Arunachal Pradesh
15. Lakshadweep	15. Daman & Diu
16. Pondicherry	16. Dadra & Nagar Haveli

STATEMENT-II

The Steps taken/being taken include-

1. The M.V. Act,1988 and Rules framed thereunder provide for stricter requirements in respects of issuance of driving licences, and stringent penalties for offences.

2. Formal training in driving school is made pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles.

3. Maximum safe laden weights have been prescribed for trucks including light commercial vehicles.

4. Maximum speed limits have been prescribed for all vehicles except light motor vehicles.

5. Uniform intervals for checking the fitness of vehicles have been prescribed throughout the country.

6. It is prescribed that road safety devices would be fitted in the vehicles viz. directions indicators with blinker system for vehicles, special labels on carriages carrying dangerous or hazardous goods.

7. A National Road Safety Council has been set up for formulation of road safety measures. State Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeding, over-loading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the road safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Roar Guns.

14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.

15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.

16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.

17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.

18. Special night checking in Highways.

19. Special drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.

20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organiseed by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Projects Sanctioned for roads and bridges in Maharashtra during Seventh Plan

281. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the details of projects for construction of roads and bridges in Maharashtra sanctioned under the Central Aid Programme of Loan Assistance and the Central Road Fund Scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and their costs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): The details of road and bridge projects sanctioned under Central Aid Programme of Loan Assistance for State Roads of Inter-State or Economic Importance and Central Road Fund respectively during 7th Plan are as under:-